



MINUTES of the GENERAL MEETING

8 May 2015

Held at Piney Lakes Environmental Education Centre, Winthrop

15.05.01 Opening

President Colin Edwards welcomed all in attendance and opened the meeting at 10.00 am. He noted the presence of Irena Dillon, Senior Policy Officer, Department of Commerce Consumer Protection Division, Legislation and Policy Branch. Irena has been a major contact point with the Department over all the years of the Legislation Review.

15.05.02 Present 74 As per register

Apologies 10 as per register

15.05.03 Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held 13 February 2015

Minutes had been circulated previously. Confirmed as a correct record.

15.05.04 Business Arising From Minutes Nil

15.05.05 Reports

05.1 President – Colin Edwards

05.2 Treasurer – Ron Hasluck

The Treasurer presented the financial report to 30 April 2015

Opening Balance 1 April 2015	15,343.15
Receipts	136.00
Less Payments	2,369.77
Closing Balance	13,109.38
Plus Term Deposits	34,598.12
TOTAL FUNDS 30 April 2015	\$47,707.50

05.3 Legislation and Advocacy - David Street

David reported as follows:

- The new Code and the additions to the Regulations (to implement section 14A of the Act) became law on 1 April 2015. Three sections of the Code (clauses 17, 18 and 19) will not become mandatory until the financial year commencing 1 July 2016. Further details of the changes are set out in the newsletter and the Code may be downloaded from the WARVRA website (warvra.org.au), see "Legislation" under the "Resources" tab.
- A reminder that the provisions in the Act and Regulations relating to the time cap on the payment of recurrent charges after a resident has permanently vacated the residential premises in the Village are now operative. To assist with monitoring this process, see the WARVRA website for a full explanation and a work sheet. Residents should check the village accounts to ensure that, if a former resident is no longer required to pay recurrent charges, the village operator is contributing an amount to the operating account in lieu of the former resident's contribution.

- Members should ensure that their family is aware of what has to be done when the resident leaves the village and that the family understands the provisions of the contract in regard to exit fees and charges.
- Electricity – the Minister for Energy has confirmed that Regulations will be enacted to allow no supplier to charge more than the A1 tariff to Village residents.

05.4 Seminars - Julia Lynch and Brian Davies

- The 2015 seminars are now underway. Seminars remain to be held at Piney Lakes on 21 May 2015 and Forrest Road Park, Padbury on 4 June 2015.
- Members are asked to remind their friends who are potential village residents of the Forum for Prospective Residents on Thursday 17 September 2015 at 10 am at Piney Lakes, cost \$10

05.5 Membership development and Regional Groups - Ian Nordeck

Ian reported as follows:

- Village Group Membership has grown to 82 Villages – approximately 10,000 residents.
- The Albany Group is up and running and more villages are joining – RAAFA Amity is considering membership.
- South West Group is still developing, slowly. Bethany Fields (Eaton) and Silver Vines (Margaret River) are new Village members.
- Peel Group met 21 April 2015 with 45 residents in attendance. The next meeting will be at Bethany Waters on 22 July 2015. There are 24 villages in this region of which only 15 are members. Judy Coate has undertaken to contact all non-member villages in the region.
- Biggest problem for membership development is the lack of names of executive officers in each village – need to get these onto the data base.
- There are 37 villages in which there are individual WARVRA members but where the village is not a group member. This is a challenge for our members in these villages!

15.05.06 General Business

- Rob Waite reminded residents that they may need to take action to ensure that they receive the seniors electrical allowance.
- Shirley Wyburn reported on a presentation by WA Aged Care Financial Solutions and suggested them as a suitable guest speaker.

MORNING TEA BREAK

15.05.07 Guest speakers

The President welcomed Catherine Scott and Melissa Rosair from the Department of Commerce who explained the changes and key features of the recently enacted changes to the Code and Regulations.

15.05.08 Next General Meeting

Friday 14 August 2015 at 10 am at Piney Lakes Environmental Centre, Winthrop

15.05.09 Meeting closed at 12.05 pm